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A considerable time after Bantjea and Rato had bought themselves free, a delegation from Waiboenta came to Bantjea to ask why tribute was no longer brought (mepoee) to Waiboenta. The answer ran: "Because you sold us to the To Bada', from whom we have again liberated ourselves." Then the envoys from Waiboenta concluded a treaty of friendship with Bantjea. On the side of Bantjea it was Talintoe who concluded the treaty; on the part of Waiboenta, La Bada appeared. Both ran some distance into the Lake. Then La Bada plunged his kris into the water and said to Talintoe: "Open your mouth." When the latter had done this, La Bada let the water drip from his kris into the mouth, while he said: "If you, To Bantjea, forget our agreement, your bodies will pass away just like this water which flows into your body" (ane ndisaja posintoewoe pai Waiboenta, da marege koromi ewa karege noe oee, anoe moili ri ra ngkoromi). Talintoe did the same to La Bada with his sword. Having reached dry land again, La Bada set up a stone at the foot of the hill on which the village lay. Both parties then took an egg in their hands and La Bada said: "If you, To Bantjea, break our treaty, your bodies shall pass away like this egg." At the same moment he dashed the egg to pieces against the stone. Talintoe did the same. -- This stone is still found in place; no honors are paid to it and no sacrifices are brought to it. All that happens is that now and then the weeds are removed a few meters around the stone.

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Since this time the relations between Bantjea and Waiboenta have always been good. Gradually the To Bantjea began to go along with the other Toradja in offering their tribute to the Datoe of Palopo by way of Wotoe. There was no special motive for this, unless it is to be sought in the expectation that in this way the harassments of Wotoe might come to an end.